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National Situation Report

As of 5:30 a.m. Wednesday, September 14, 2005

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Homeland Security Threat Level:

ELEVATED

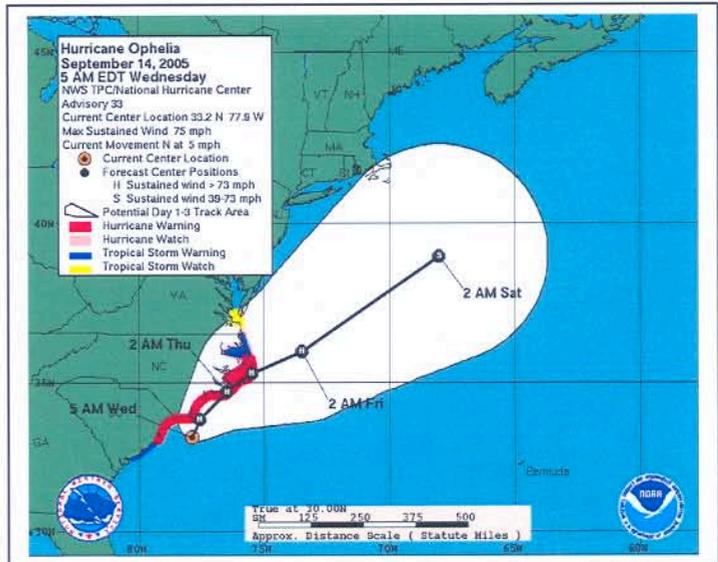
Hurricane Ophelia Set to Hit Carolinas Coast

At 5:00 am EDT on Wednesday September 14, the center of Hurricane Ophelia was located near latitude 33.2 north and longitude 77.9 west, or about 125 miles east-northeast of Charleston, South Carolina and about 70 miles south of Wilmington, North Carolina.

Ophelia appears to be moving toward the north near 5 mph and this slow motion is expected to continue during the next 24 hours. Steering currents are forecast to remain weak and an erratic motion is possible. Anticipated landfall is in the vicinity of Cape Lookout, North Carolina sometime today.

Maximum sustained winds are near 75 mph with higher gusts. Some increase in strength is possible during the next 12 to 24 hours. Hurricane force winds extend outward up to 50 miles from the center and tropical storm force winds extend outward up to 140 miles. Latest minimum central pressure reported was 980 mb (28.94 inches).

A Hurricane Warning remains in effect from the South Santee River, South Carolina to Oregon Inlet, North Carolina, including Pamlico Sound. A Hurricane Watch and a Tropical Storm Warning are in effect north of Oregon Inlet to the North Carolina/Virginia border, including Albemarle Sound.



A Tropical Storm Warning remains in effect for south of the South Santee River to Edisto Beach, South Carolina. At 5:00 a.m. EDT, the Hurricane Watch for south of the South Santee River to Edisto Beach has been discontinued.

A Tropical Storm Watch is in effect from north of the North Carolina/Virginia border to Cape Charles Light, Virginia including the Chesapeake Bay South of New Point Comfort. *(National Hurricane Center)*

Officials Continue Preparedness Efforts for Ophelia

Local, State, and Federal officials continue to monitor the progress of Ophelia and are taking preparatory measures to maintain a high state of readiness.

The Governor of Virginia has declared a State of Emergency and activated the State EOC at Hurricane Readiness Condition 2. Virginia's Governor has activated and deployed 100 National Guard troops.

The Governor of North Carolina has declared a State of Emergency and ordered mandatory evacuations from six coastal counties and recommended voluntary evacuations for eight other counties. North Carolina's State Emergency Operations Center remains at Level 2 (fully-activated on a 24/7 basis). The Governor activated 269 National Guard soldiers and ordered them to report to staging areas. The State has also requested an Emergency Declaration from the President as a result of anticipated damages from Ophelia.

The State Emergency Operations in South Carolina is at Operating Condition 4 (emergency situation may require a partial or full activation), monitoring the weather situation on a 24/7 basis. Parts of Horry and Georgetown Counties are under voluntary evacuation.

FEMA has deployed several assets to the projected impact area, including Emergency Response Teams (Advanced) to Raleigh, NC, Columbia, SC, and Richmond, VA, a Medical Needs Assessment Team (MNAT), 3 Disaster Medical Assistance Teams (DMATs), 3 Urban Search & Rescue Teams, and one Medical Strike Team to Raleigh, NC. FEMA is also coordinating with the American Red Cross and the Department of Defense to pre-position personnel, equipment, supplies, and aircraft to support response efforts. *(FEMA HQ, FEMA Region III and IV)*

Weather Forecast for the U.S.

South: Heavy rainfall, as high as 10 inches, is anticipated on Wednesday as Hurricane Ophelia hits the coastal areas of northeast South Carolina and eastern North Carolina. There may be damages from storm surge, high winds, and potential tornadoes as the eye of the storm makes landfall. Other parts of the South including Oklahoma, Arkansas, northern Texas, Tennessee and northern Mississippi will also see scattered storms and potentially heavy rains. High temperatures in the region will be in the 80s and 90s.

Midwest: A cold front will continue moving eastward across the Great Lakes and Ohio Valley on Wednesday bringing the threat of scattered showers and thunderstorms. High temperatures will range from the 60s in the upper Midwest to the 80s in the lower portions of the Midwest.

Northeast: Rainfall is forecast for much of the Mid-Atlantic area as a result of Ophelia. The areas of Pennsylvania and New York will also experience rain on Wednesday as the cold front moves eastward from the Midwest. New England will be dry on Wednesday. Most of the Northeast will have highs in the 80s, however the cold front moving into the region will bring cooler, wetter, and windier weather by week's end to most parts of the region.

West: Colorado may have some thunderstorms on Wednesday, otherwise the remainder of the West will have dry weather. High temperatures will range mostly in the 60s and 70s except in the southern

California where temperatures will be in the 90s and in the southwest desert areas where highs will be near 100. Most of the region will be dry from Wednesday through Saturday. *(National Weather Service, Media Sources)*

Wildfire Update

National Preparedness Level: 4 (on a scale of 1 to 5)

Current Situation: Fire activity was moderate nationally with 231 new fires reported. Three new large fires were reported: two in Louisiana, and one in California. Three large fires were contained, one each in California, Montana, and Wyoming.

Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming.

Weather Discussion: A gradual warming trend is predicted for the West as a high pressure system builds. Some rain showers are expected in Montana, but the remainder of the region will be dry. The Gulf Coast area will continue to have sunny weather with highs in the lower 90s. *(National Interagency Fire Center)*

Other Tropical Cyclone Activity

There are currently no storm systems in the Eastern and Central Pacific or Western Pacific that pose any threat to any U.S. interests. *(National Hurricane Center, Joint Typhoon Warning Center)*

Earthquake Activity

During the past 24 hours there have been minor earthquakes reported in Hawaii, central and southern Alaska, the Aleutian Islands (Alaska), Mount Saint Helens (Washington), and southern California. No reports of any damages or injuries. *(USGS National Earthquake Information Center)*

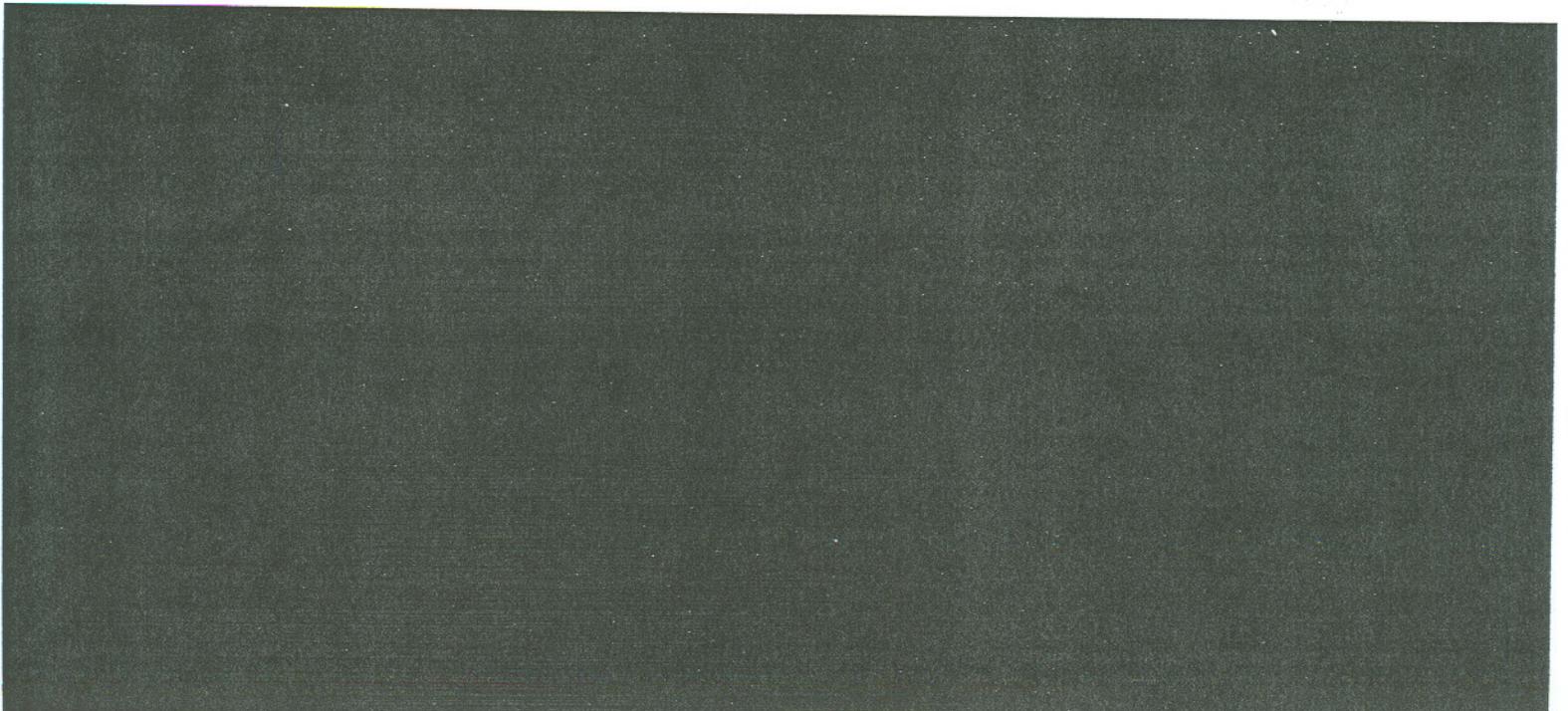
Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDAs)

No new activity to report. *(FEMA HQ)*

Disaster Declaration Activity

No new activity to report. *(FEMA HQ)*

FEMA Readiness Alert Status:

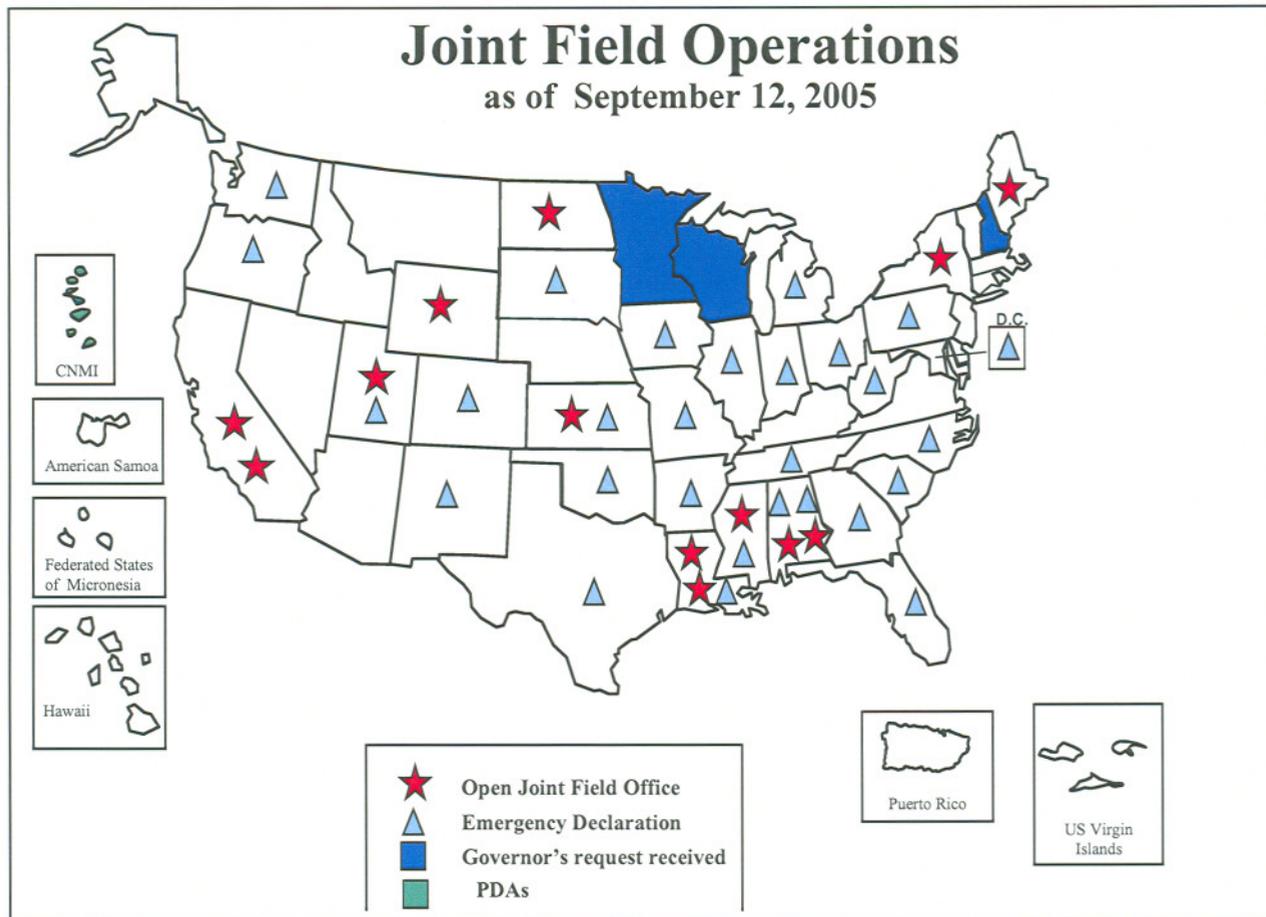


Disaster Teleregistration Activity Chart

DR	Incident Type	09/12/05	Cumulative
1605-AL	Hurricane Katrina	4,002	42,059
1604-MS	Hurricane Katrina	25,222	183,600
1603-LA	Hurricane Katrina	52,973	593,586
1599-WY	Tornado	1	247
	Totals	82,198	819,492

Joint Field Operations

as of September 12, 2005



DISASTER DECLARATIONS (13)

1605-AL

FCO: Ron Sherman
Phone: 334-270-7700

1604-MS

FCO: William Carwile
Phone: 770-220-5600

1603-LA

FCO: William Lokey
Phone: 940-898-5433

1601-LA

FCO: Sandra Coachman
Phone: 504-613-3391

1600-KS

FCO: Thomas J. Costello
Phone: 816-283-7600

1599-WY

FCO: Michael Karl
Phone: 307-685-8600
Closing September 23, 2005

1598-UT

FCO: Carlos Mitchell
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1597-ND

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1593-AL

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Closing September 15, 2005

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3241-AZ

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3240-VA

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3232-MO

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3230-IL

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3229-NM

FCO: Carlos Mitchell
Phone: TBD

3228-OR

FCO: John E. Pennington
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3215-AR

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3213-MS

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3212-LA

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